

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DATE: 11/19/82

SUBJECT: Possible NPDES/SPDES Violation

Referral No.: 2783

FROM: Fred N. Rubel, Chief
Hazard Response Branch

Fred Rubel

TO: Richard Baker, Chief
Permits Administration Branch

Attached is a report received by telephone which we feel you should be aware of. It may involve a violation of NPDES/SPDES permit conditions.

FACILITY: OAKITE PRODUCTS, INC.
LOCATION: 700 MIDDLESEX AVE.
ME TUEN, N.J. 08840
DATE OF INCIDENT: 11/18/82

Attachment

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Additional Recommendation for Additional Followup:

On Scene Visit by EPA _____	Spill 308 Letter _____	SPCC 308 Letter _____
Referral to NPDES <u>X</u> <u>MC</u>	Referral to RCRA _____	Referral to Uncontrolled Site Unit _____
SPCC Inspection _____	Monitor for 112.4 Submittal _____	Toxic Substances Inspection Section _____
Referral to Federal Facilities _____	Referral to Air Division _____	Copy to Facility File _____
Other _____	*Critical Information needed for entry into SPCC/CERCLA DATA SYSTEM	

U.S. EPA REGION IIENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION REPORT

Reported Thru NRC

1. Received: By: P. Ellert *Date: 11/18/82 *Time: 1100
(Signature) (Military)

*2. Reported By: Name: Jim Henderson Phone: 548-9340
Organization: _____
Address: _____
(Number and Street)

(City or Town, State and ZIP code)

3. Discharger/Carrier/Source: Contact: _____ Phone: _____
* (Responsible Party)

Organization: Gulton Chemical
Address: Durham, NC
(Number and Street)

Metuchen, NJ
(City or Town, State and ZIP code)

4. Shipper of Material: Contact: _____ Phone: _____

(Notified? Yes No) Organization: _____

Address: _____
(Number and Street)

(City or Town, State and ZIP code)

5. Incident Information:

* A. Location: Metuchen, NJ County Middlesex

* B. Materials Involved and Quantities:

1. Total gray colored pollutant. unidentified

* 2. In Water (Include Name of Water Body and its uses i.e.,
Water Supply, Quantity in Water)

Hammond Creek Dismal Brook
tribe to Green Brook.

* 3. On Land

a. Is discharge to water threatened (i.e., if not cleaned
up, might rain wash into storm sewers, etc.?)

Yes _____ No. _____

b. Estimated distance from waterway _____

4. In Air _____

* C. Cleanup, containment, or other mitigation measures taken (identify
by whom): _____

* D. Cleanup completed? Yes _____ No _____ Disposal _____

* E. Incident Began: Date various Time _____
(Military)

F. Discharge Stopped: Yes _____ No _____ Date _____ Time _____
(Military)

G. Incident Discovered: Date _____ Time _____
(Military)

* H. Cause, Other Pertinent Information: Complainant states
brook is polluted with an unidentified
gray substance from gutter chutes

* I. List State, local, other agencies responding on scene:

Metuchen Health Dept.

* J. Any other Federal, State, or local agencies (including water
supply if threatened) already notified: NJS DEP

U.S. EPA REGION IIENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Prepared BY: _____
(Signature)

1. Additional Calls Placed to Gather Information: _____

*2. Jurisdiction: ☐ Not Federal ☐ Coast Guard ☒ EPA

3. Hazard Evaluation:

a. References Consulted: OHMTADS; CHRIS; MERCK; SAX; NFPA HAZ. MAT.;
HANDBOOK - ENV. DATA - ORG. CHEMICALS; EMSL SAFETY HANDBOOK & CHEM.
HAZ. GUIDE; ACGIH TLV's; OTHER _____

b. Physical Properties (complete if involves release/threat from chemicals):

1. State - gas; liquid; solid; vapor;
2. Flash Point _____ °F or °C
3. Solubility _____
4. Density/Specific Gravity _____
5. Odor and Odor Threshold _____
6. Boiling Point _____, Vapor Pressure _____
7. Lower Explosive Limit _____
8. Reactive With _____
9. Radioactive _____
10. Other _____

c. Human Toxicity Properties (complete if involves release/threat from chemicals):

1. Inhalation TLV _____
2. Inhalation Acute Toxicity _____
3. Proven Carcinogen _____
4. Possible Carcinogen _____
5. Toxic Through Skin (contact) (passage of gas) _____
6. Corrosive to Skin _____
7. Mutagen _____
8. Teratogen _____
9. Ingestion Toxicity LD₅₀ _____

d. Environmental Hazards:

1. Toxic to fish; waterfowl, clams, crabs, muskrat, turtles, other.
2. Threat to endangered species (specify) _____
3. BOD or COD _____ will reduce oxygen in water
4. Persistent in environment
5. Will contaminate groundwater supply or surface drinking water supply
5. Will foul industrial or power plant intakes
7. Marshes or other critical wildlife habitat threatened

e. Hazard Evaluation Summary:

Public: High _____ Medium _____ Low _____
Environment: High _____ Medium _____ Low _____

4. Additional Calls Made to Notify or Advise Others: _____

Lauren Metuchen Health Dept (201-549-3600 x 14) stated that she responded and the material is detergent from Oakrite Co, Metuchen, NJ

5. Incident Classification for Statistical and Documentation to Purposes:

- a. (Discharge) or (Potential Discharge) to: (Water) (Air) (Land), involving (oil) (reportable quantity of designated hazardous substances) (less than reportable quantity of designated hazardous substances) (hazardous waste) (other chemicals) (unknown substance).
- b. No discharge or potential discharge involved.
- c. Responded to on scene by: (EPA) (CG) (State) (Local) (None).
- d. Magnitude of Incident: (Major) (Medium) (Minor).
- e. Cleanup conducted by: (EPA) (CG) (State) (Local) (Discharger) (None) (None Required)

6. Action Check List (Optional - For your Evaluation):

a. Should any of the following be briefed?

E.R. Section Chief _____	Branch Chief _____
Division Director _____	Office of DRA _____
HQ's _____	State(s) _____
Radiation Branch _____	NPDES Permits Br. _____
Water Supply Br. _____	EPA Reg. I or III _____
Public Affairs _____	Congressional Affairs _____
Toxic Subs. Inspec. Sect. _____	Local Mayor _____
Air Division _____	Nuclear Regulatory Comm. _____
IRLG _____	

b. Should RRT be activated (by phone) (convene)? _____

c. Request ERT? _____:

1. Mobile Activated Carbon Treatment Unit _____
2. Stream Diversion Unit _____
3. Damage Assessment Assistance _____
4. Spill Alarm Trailer _____
5. Mobile Laboratory _____
6. Dike Stability Test Unit _____
7. Staff Augmentation _____
8. Decontamination Trailer _____
9. Dispersant Booms for Vessel _____
10. Advise on Dispersants _____
11. OVA/PID Units _____
12. Totally Encapsulated Suits _____
13. Spill Gelling Unit _____
14. Commercial Laboratory Support and Q.A. _____
15. Task 12 _____
16. Beach Sand Cleaner _____
17. Other _____

d. Has cleanup contractor been put on alert or asked to respond? _____

e. Request Coast Guard Strike Team Assistance? _____

1. Public Affairs Unit _____
2. Staff Augmentation _____
3. Communications Unit _____

f. Request remote high resolution aerial photography? _____

g. US Army (EOD) or (Decontamination Unit)? _____

h. TAT Assistance? _____

i. FIT Assistance? _____

j. Surveillance and Monitoring Branch Support? _____

k. Alert Technical Support Branch to Samples Coming In? _____

l. Helicopter Support (S&M Branch) (Coast Guard) (Contract) (NJ State police) (NYC Police) _____

m. Has Coast Guard undertaken (or NOAA) spill movement studies? _____

n. Other _____